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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY - SENATOR JOHN STENNIS

FOR CONGRESSIONAL RE*ATIONS

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1. REQUEST DEPARTMENT PASS FOLLOWING RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION
CONCERNING CONSTITUENT MISS CASSELL CARPENTER TO SENATOR
JOHN STENNIS:

A) EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES VISITED SITE SIVANANDA YOGA VEDANTA
VENTROUM. INTERVIEW OF NEIGHBORS AND BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT
INDICATES SCHOOL ENJOYS REASONABLY GOOD REPUTATION IN NEIGHBOR-
HOOD AND STUDENTS APPEAR SERIOUS. ONLY COMPLAINT BY
NEIGHBORS CONCERNED SOME EXCESSIVE NOISE DURING YOGA SINGING
BUT NEIGHBORS WERE SURPRISINGLY TOLERANT SAYING THAT SMOKING,
ALCOHOL AND DRUGS ARE STRICKLY FORBIDDEN AND THAT STUDENTS
SEEM SERIOUS IN THEIR INTENTIONS.

B) QUALITY OF NEIGHBORHOOD IS GOOD. SCHOOL IS IN RESIDENTIAL
APARTMENT HOUSE WITH A PRESIDING JUDGE ON THE VIENNA COURT AS
THEIR IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOR.

C) EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES VISITED REALTY COMPANY WHICH
OPERATES BUILDING AND LEARNED THAT APARTMENT, WHICH HAS FIVE
ROOMS IS RENTED BY CANADIAN CITIZEN MRS. THEODORA VON HERRNRITT.
OWNER IS ALLEGEDLY OF HUNGARIAN ORIGIN AND **PEARS, ACCORDING
TO OFFICIALS, TO BE WELL EDUCATED AND CULTURED PERSON.

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HOUSING ADMINISTRATION INFORMED THAT RENT IS PAID ON TIME AND

THERE HAVE BEEN NO INCIDENTS SURROUNDING THE SCHOOL'S TENANCY.
THEY INFORMED THAT THE YOGA LESSONS ARE GIVEN FREE OF CHARGE
BUT STUDENTS ARE REQUESTED TO GIVE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

D) OFFICIAL RECORDS INDICATE THAT IN ADDITION TO MRS. VON
HERRNRITT, ALSO KNOWN AS SWAMI RAMANANDA, TWO OTHER INDIVIDUALS
ARE REGISTERED AS LIVING IN THE APARTMENT, A AMERICAN FEMALE
STUDENT AND A VIENNESE MALE STUDENT. NAMES OF THOSE INDIVIDU*LS
CAN BE OBTAINED THROUGH OFFICIALS RECOR** IF REQUIRED.
NO POLICE RECORD.MOWINCKEL

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